

Possibly it is a hepeful sign of the times that the opium trade in this country is on the decline. The Eureau of Statistics shows that opium imports have decreased about one-quarter of a million dellars during 1908 as compared to the previous year. Thus far during the year the Chinese Empire has supplied this country with \$1,322. where the opium imports amounted only to \$14,012.

It is stated again that Embassador Creel, of Mexico, has resigned that of-fice, and will return to Mexico to take up the active duties of Governor of Chibuahua, an office to which he was chinuanua, an onice to which he was elected last June. Ever since that time statements have been made and then denied that Embassador Creel would resign. He stated that it was quite resign. He stated that it was quite possible for him to fill both offices, and possible for him to fill both offices, and that the Deputy Governor was per-fectly able to act in his absence. Em-bassidor Creel has been called to Mex-ico hurriedly several times, and it was staied when he went the last time that in all probability the political affairs of Chihuahua would be so complicated that he would have to remain there, and this has in some measure controlled his resignation. Embassador Creel is called one of the very richest men in the world, and Senora Creel is, if poz-sible, richer than her husband. While sible, richer than her husband. While the Creels lived handsomely and enter-tained lavishly, there was never any undue display of wealth, and all the Creels—there is a very large family— are simple and unaffected in manner. They are also well liked.

At last the Bureau of Printing and Engraving is to have a comfortable addition built. The old building long ago outgrew its business, and the employes have been cooped up like chickens in an unhealthy place for years. The land is now purchased for the addition.

Before it can be erected, however, the Bureau will be ready for a much larger addition, so fast does the business grow.

It is quite probable that a carload of tivated as they are. runs of various kinds, sizes and makes have been unloaded at the White House since the President announced that he run. Why, if he commenced now and ried guns six hours a day from this to the 4th of March next he couldn't try" all that have been sent him. It is said that some of the arms that ventions large or small. have been sent him are very handsome-ly gotten up, having been made ex-

Harmsworth, Lord Northeliffe's mother, and Mrs. Douglas Pennant, an English party now about to travel in this country; Secretary Root, Secretary and Mrs. Straus, Robert P. Porter, American representative of the London Times, Mr. William B. Cutting, of New York; Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, d Mr. Charles de Kay, of New York.

speaking of the tuberculosis exhibit in this city at the International Congress. I ventured the opinion that if the carved-up exhibits in glass things could be carried to the great cities and exhibited in all their horridness it would be a warning and an example that nobody could withstand. It seems that that is exactly what the Govern-ment intends to do with these things. A good many of the foreigners left their to us, and these will be in-in the "show." They are to go cluded in the "show." They are to go to Seattle for the Alaska-Ukon Exposition, and then the larger cities and towns will get the benefit of them.

chance heard of him before, nor has where he lies without money or friends, and his daughter is in the hands of the enemy." That is the way the story paint over the canvas. ts. It always ends the same way. Spanish relative who is in durance vile has a wad of money; oh, yez, in-deedy. Lots and gobs of it—hidden in a secret place in an old valles, and that er side and bears the following inscrip-vallse—well, the story ends abruptly. right at the most interesting point, until you bite. He wants you to take this beloved daughter—beautiful, cuitured, and Sherman are painted measure 12 feet in hight and 10 feet in width. The Tricolor of Liberty has been used harmonic over, and the gold frames around the state of the state as the civilization of man almost hid as the civilization of man almost, and yet it is played on people who want o get something for nothing hundreds

Benjamin H. Ridgely, United States

There was consternation last Sunda; over in the vicinity of the White House when the stable which houses the Pres-dent's horses caught fire. The stable was damaged slightly and considerable hay and grain, but the fire was put out by attendants in the stable before furner damage was done. None of the orses were injured.

After a recess of more than four menths the Supreme Court of the United States took up business at the same old stand last Monday. Before beginning the Autumn sessions, however, the Justices called upon the President in a body. You just can't imagine a more formal business than this call Mind you, there has always been a scrap—well, let's call it a "controversy"—over the matter of precedence between the President and the Supreme etween the President and the Suprem between the President and the Supreme Court, the Justices claiming to be practically on an equal with the President, since they can by their decisions overturn any law the President may sign, and from their decision or "opinion" there is no appeal; but, just the same, they make the "first" call.

Immediately after convening at noon of the Authurn county carriages are

of the Autumn opening carriages are ordered, and accompanied by the Clerk of the Court and its Marshal, the court as a body proceeds to the White House, where all the members meet the Chief Executive in a formal and official manonce more goes on.

Mr. Speaker Cannon, who owns several thousands of acres of land in Nebraska, has been selling a portion of it He bought the land years ago, when it was being practically given away, and now finds that it nets him about \$70 for

since the President announced that he was going to "try" a country's logical convenience of the Nation's Capitals gone for an outing it has been announced that he was going to "try" a city, in annual meeting, adopted resoluventions large or small.

It is really necessary for Washington to have a big convention hall. By big is meant one that will hold at least splendid shot, and he loves a good gun. But the President does not go in for show. He likes to put on old chaps, old gloves, an old slouch hat, and easy old hunting boots when he starts out. "Old friends are best," in guns as in twerything else.

Ex-Representative Thomas J. Wood, of Indiana, died at his home in Crown Point, Iad. last Tuesday night, aged for years.

After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1887 he was elected. Four years grown of the was re-elected. Four years and what we will do for a place in 1882 he was cleeted to the House of Representatives. After retiring from Congress he practiced law.

Land that roome of the arms that the convention hall. By big is meant one that will hold at least 20,900 people comfortably, and which to house of 1,000 if the convention to be head in it is not so large. It is absurd that the capital City of the country has been so long without such a building. When the Pension Office was built it was expected that it would be used for Inaugural purposes, but even that privilege has been cut off by Congress, and what we will do for a place in question that must soon be met. Of the Visitation. Their legal studies were pursued at the Washington University conferred upon a question that must soon be met. Of four years ago, but it was in an ugly was chosen Prosecuting Attorney. In 1882 he was elected to the House of Representatives. After retiring from Congress he practiced law.

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The little son and namesake of John W. Kern, Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, is very seriously ill, suffering from infantile paralysis. He was taken to Michigan some weeks ago because of hay fever, with which he was af-

There what appeared to be tonsilitis developed, and he was brought home for treatment. His condition became worse, and it was believed that a toxic poison of the nerves was responsible for his iliness. Progress of the disease revealed that it is infantile paralysis. which probably will not permit of rapid

William Howard Taft and James Schoolcraft Sherman, the Republican Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, have the largest heads in the world. Their heads measure seven feet from the points of the chins to the crowns, while their faces are four feet across the brow. These heads are oil paintings. They adorn the big Republi-Again the "Spanish" relative is to can banner which was strung across G the front. It is always a man, this street, at the intersection of 15th street, Spanish relative, and you never by any Sunday morning by the League of Republican State Clubs of the District. The banner is 40 feet by 45 feet. cared a continental about you till The banner is 40 feet by 45 feet. I was flung in a Spanish prison, was painted by W. L. MacLean, the

Spreading over the heads of the can-didates is an eagle, which measures 20

and if you will forward to him enough money to bring this beautiful guril over accompanied by a priest, he can get the valise released, and she can bring it to you, with its golden lining, and you can have all that he does not give to the girl. You send the money to rescue the cheelid, and release the valise, and the cheelid, and release the valies, and the cheelid, and release the valies, and the cheelid, and release the valies, and the cheelid. A shield throws the pictures well forward. It is 15 feet by 10 feet.

no mistake. He is lively enough for a tary hygiene, he is qualified to speak whole roomful of boys, and keeps the on almost any matter of import to the family "guessing." The other day he health and well-being of the soldiers. Hiere's a pretty howdy do. An order, lust issued by the Postmaster-General at Washington, to the Postmaster at Derrick, N. Y., to turn over all business to the Postmaster at Bay Point, thus putting out of existence the Derrick post office, has created much indignation in the section of the Adirondacks affected. The 28 families at Derrick to the prospect to the prospect of the pro

Denjamin H. Ridgely. United States
Consul-General to Mexico City, died
underly last week in the Mexico City
Pullman while waiting for the Mexico
ity train at Montercy.

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the franchise that it comes with a
hock that his daughter, Mrs. Katharine

The "conscience" fund of the Division of Dead Letters was enriched to
the extent of \$1.50 last week, a remittance of that amount being received
from a woman, who explained that 15
years ago, when she was Postmaster at
a small office, she appropriated the contents of a package addressed to a person who did not live at the place,
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"We just kept it." said the conment exists between his daughter and

realizing the sinfulness, and sending it to the Dead Letter Office, as I should, where it would have been sold. I now end \$1.50 restitution money.

The President by an order made las week blanketed about 700 more places into the Civil Service. The places are mostly in the Indian Service, with a ew in the Department of Justice.

The old Aqueduct Bridge across th Potomac at Georgetown is now de-clared to be shaky and insecure. Divers have found that the piers are crumbling under water, and the probability is that the old bridge will have to be pulled lown and a new one built.

New shipments of garden seeds of this season's gathering are being sent to the Isthmus of Panama by the De-partment of Agriculture, under the lans adopted some time ago by Secre ary Wilson to encourage the Amerigrow their own fresh vegetables. Experiments have proved that this can be done, and the crops are particularly valuable in the Winter time, when none can be shipped from the United States.

An effort is now being made to in terest the natives of the little Republic, and some progress has been made. The seed sent at this time go to an official, who will distribute them. The ship-ments include all varieties of vegetables, and of the type which experiments have shown thrive better in the tropics.

Former Representative Joseph Scranton died last week at his home in Scranton after an illness of a year. He was 69 years of age. He was elected to Congress in 1880, and re-elected to the Congress in 1880, and re-elected to the 49th, 51st, 53d and 54th Congresses. Mr. Scranton was active in the Lin-coln campaign of 1860, and was made Collector of Internal Revenue in 1865. He was Postmaster of the city of Scranton for eight years and Treasurer of Lackawanna County for three years. He attended Exeter and Yale.

Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, who was operated on at Johns Hopkins Hospital. where all the members meet the Chief Executive in a formal and official manner. The members of the Supreme Court only remain a few moments, then they solemnly file out, get into their carriages and the funeral procession moves off up the Avenue, the Justices, headed by Mr. Chief Justice, sail into the Supreme Court room, and business once more goes on.

Baltimore, some weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to go to his home in Los Angeles, Cal. Gen. Otis, who is a distinguished soldier and the publisher of the Los Angeles Times, has been an interesting visitor to Baltimore. While has been a patient during most of the time, he has taken a keen interest in current events, and has been the object of social attention. ect of social attention. Last week, while Vice President Fair-

banks was in the city, he expressed a desire to see his old California friend, and went to the hospital and had a pleasant chat with him.

Sweden's Legation in Washington is Believing that Washington is this country's logical convention city. and The Swedish Minister, Herman de Lagercrantz, moved into the new home of the Legation last week. The house is on the west side of the street, immediately north of the Venetian house occupied by Secretary Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and the French Embassy.

Two Washington women—Miss Ethel A. Colford and Miss Florence M. Colford, twin sisters—were admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of

A bronze tablet to the memory o John W. Ross, former Commissioner of the District of Columbia, who died few years ago, was set in the wail of the vestibule of the new Municipal Building last week.

The President and Secretary Loeb both of whom vote at Oyster Bay, are not obliged to register this year. A new law says that new registration is no ecessary in towns under 5,000 inhabitants. As Oyster Bay is not nearly so large, the President does not have to make the exhausting trip to put his name down on the roll books, so that he may vote for his friend, Mr. Taft. The President and Secretary Loeb will star for Oyster Bay the night before elec-tion, and will get back to Washington at 6 o'clock of election day. It will be seen that the trip is a tiresome one and mighty costly, but President Roose velt, when Assistant Secretary of the Navy, President of the Civil Service Commission and as Vice President has always gone to his home to vote in every general election. He believes it the duty of a good citizen to do so.

Col. Stewart, the officer of "temperamental difficulties," who commanded an abandoned fort out in Arizona for several months on order of the President is out—way out. He was ordered to Washington to take an examination to discover if he was able to take the long ride that all officers must take if they remain in the service. He was examinated that the service of the remain in the service of the remain in the service. ined, and his heart found weak. From that decision to being set outside the breastworks as an Army officer on the retired list was a matter of about 12 hours or so. It is stated for fact by Army officers who have known Col Stewart well, that while he was a fine soldier, he had in him elements that were all for "trouble," especially at a fort or post, and that he was extremely irascible.

And now we have the "military foot." Maj. Edward L. Munson, an officer of the Army Medical Corps, has submitted to the War Department a report which gives his personal observation of the foot soldier. As Maj. Munson is the Quentin Roosevelf is one "limb" and author of an accepted work on miliing from the regulation shape for which shoes are built in the general trade, and states that our "dough-boys" demand an

The report has led to an important test, conducted at Fort Sheridan, with theing required to walk thru several test of snow seven miles to Bay Pond, if there back, in order to receive and end their mail.

Bay Pond is the post office name of the former village of Brandon, and is in the private park of William Rocketin follows. When the President was done laughting at type of shoes for the Army, making follows the private park of William Rocketing. When the President was done laughting at type of shoes for the Army, making three sets of schoes for each soldier. In the private park of William Rocke-feller, brother of John D. In order to reach the Pay Pond post office it is said to be necessary to cross Mr. Rockefeller's private park, an act which subjects the offender to a fine of \$25 for each offense. One family lives at Bay Pond. Petitions have been forwarded to the Post Office Department, and if relief is not obtained an effort will be made to interest the President.

When the President was done laugh—in three sets of shoes for each soldier. One the pair will be of black leather of what pair will be of black leather of the pair will be called commercial shape; and the pair will be a russet shoe built on the which Quentin thought a fair price for white House dinner subsequently, and the pig census was depleted to that extent. But Quentin soon had another pig—and he has shoe, fashioned like the black shoe, and type. capable of taking polish. This will af-ford two pairs of shoes, one black and

From a woman, who explained that 15 years ago, when she was Postmaster at a small office, she appropriated the contact of the

more, that no engagement has been broken, as reported, begause no engagement has existed. He deeply deplores the fact that he this to state in the public press that the alleged interviews with his wife have been "trumped up," and that none of them are true.

Now you see it, and now you don't-the waist line of men and women. A sort of a tailor's confab recently held in Washington decided several things about men's wear—they were men tailors. For instance. Elinor Glyn, when she visited us and didn't like us, went back home and said things about us—both men and women of Americal Shersaid the men were not as well dressed as the women, and they didn't seem to know the meaning of "waist line." Now they have the because these tallors in confab know, because these tailors in confab assembled settled it that men shall have a waist line. It shall be all of two inches longer than it has been for years, and coat-tails are to flare a bit. As the waistline of men appears that of women vanishes. The dressmakers, in confat vanishes. The dressmakers, in contab-assembled, have decided that the waist-line of a woman shall end just below the arm's eye. Of course, the average woman will look like a sack of meal with a string tied around the middle, and equally, of course, all the women in the country will be wearing this "modified" Empire effect—and each imagine herself a Josephine or a Marie Louise The Empire gown is a hideous mon strosity on anybody but a shapely wo man, and the shapely woman may wear anything and look well in it. But The National Tribune is bound to keep up with the news, and the dressmakers and the tailors in convention agreed to these two things, and so our readers profit by the decision. But between you and us, the fashion is abominable, even if the gentleman's tailors and the lady's dressmakers have settled the question.

The son of Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield has been suspended from his school in Watertown, Conn., for hazing along with a lot of other students, and will have three weeks at home to explain things to his father.

The United States Bureau of Engrav ng and Printing has completed design: tions now in use wid not be reprinted It will be some weeks before all the denominations will be put on the mar-ket. However, the two-cent stamps will be the first distributed, and it is expected that shipments to Postmasters will begin some time in November. The new issue has been designed with the object of obtaining the greatest sim-plicity commensurate with artistic result. The profile has been taken in each instance instead of a full view, giving a bas-relief effect. All the stamps are of a similar design, containing a head in an ellipse, the only decoration being laurel leaves on each side of the ellipse. The lettering is in straight lines, at the top being "U. S. Postage" and the bot-tom the denomination of the stamp. The one-cent stamp contains the head of Franklin, while all the others will bear that of Washington, taken from the bust by Houdon.

Thus one of the most notable differ-

ences in the new issue will be the mini-mum of lettering. The colors are the reds and blues of the early stamps.

Dr. Angel Ugarte, Minister to the United States from Honduras, has been recalled by the Henduran Government. He presented his letters of recall to Sec-retary Root at the State Department last week, and will return home at once. If you please, is that the Italian King Upon his arrival at Honduras he will be sent as Minister to Mexico, where the Diplomatic Service of Honduras is the Diplomatic Service of Honduras is

place in Washington. Mr. Ariaga was the Minister here until about a Year ago. His position at that time as dean of the Diplomatic Corps made him well known in both social and official channels.

park in the world, was the guest of the President at lunch one day last week. He came to Washington on the invitation of the President to lunch with him, As he was leaving he said: "I feel that I have been repaid for my journey of 3,000 miles by your hospitality, Mr. Roosevelt, and I will eagerly await the day when I can show you

some of the same quality." Booker T. Washington, of Tuskege Ala., was among Secretary Root's call-ers at the State Department last week He talked with the Secretary for some time regarding the condition of negros in Liberia. At the direction of the State Department Ernest Lyon, Consul-General of the United States at Monrovia is to make a general investigation of political, economic and social condition

Some months ago Secretary Root was visited by a deelgation of Liberians, who were anxious to have the United States guarantee the independence of Liberia against aggressions by other powers.

Yes, the leopard certainly can change his spots, along with his temper, when Reno, Nev., can even discuss and go to the length of voting whether that onceupon-a-time toughest town on the top shelf of the country shall not, by law, go out of the business of gambling! Soourning in Washington last week was Mr. R. M. Price, of Reno, Nev. He told the story of how 30 per cent of the voters of that now model town, but once noted for having the lid thrown away and the limit never put on, had petitioned for a law to punish gambling, and the matter had been submitted to the people of the town with the prospect that it would carry.

Mr. Price thinks that Mr. Fiannigan

will be elected United States Senatorat the primaries—to succeed Senator Newlands. He said:

"Mr. Flannigan is a wealthy man, who has made his money right there in Nevada by cattle and sheep raising and all the time, whereas Mr. Newlands spends a good deal of his time in San Francisco, in other industries. He lives in Nevada all the time, whereas Mr. Newlands

"Nevada's two United States Senators Mr. Newlands and George S. Nixon, are both residents of Reno, and both live side by side on Newland Hights, a dition, I will venture to state, that does not exist in any other State in the Union." . . . ditter .0

Here is a story that Minister Wu tells bout himself:

"I never talked to my wife," said he, "until I married her. Did I ever see her? I don't know. When I was en-gaged I was obstinate. Before the mat-ter was finally settled I asked my parents to just let me have a peek at the "'Oh, no,' they said. 'You know the

custom. But I said, 'Can't I see her on the siy? She might be blind, might be very tall, or very short, or a cripple.' After several days it was arranged for me to go to a certain house.

"I went, and for several hours sat at a window, when finally I saw three young ladies pass by. Then I was satisfied. I saw my prospective wife, but

isfied. I saw my prospective wife, but not clearly. I could not tell whether she was blind or dark or light. I didn't ow her, 'I'm not unhappy in my marriage altho I never saw my wife before that day in the window."

Wm. Jones, 57 years old, once noted decause of his attempt to average Presi-because of his attempt to average Presi-dent Garfield's death by shooting at Gulteau, shot and killed John A. Mc-Pherson, formerly a member of the Marine Corps, on the Bates farm, one mile north of Brookland, one night last week. He will have to stand trial for nurder in the first degree.

The kids up in Alaska are certainly very American in their ways. In his annual report, just made public, Com-missioner of Education E. E. Brown recommends compulsory school attend-

ince by the native children of Alaska

de says:
"Experience has shown that in man ections of Alaska regularity of attend-ince in the public schools of natives annot be maintained without a legal penalty for truancy. The passage of a bill requiring the attendance of all chilfren of school age, unless mentally or physically disqualified, is desirable. Failure to comply with the provisions of his bill should be made a misdemeanor upon the part of the parent or guard-

Brig.-Gen. Eppa Hunton, one of the few surviving general officers of the Confederate army, died last week at the home of his son, Eppa Hunton, Jr., in Richmond, Va., aged 86 years. Gen. Hunton, altho a vigorous old man, had been blind and deaf for many months. Gen. Hunton was known as the hero of Ball's Bluff. He was a member of the Virginia Secession Committee, and voted for the secession ordinance. He was also on the Military Committee to orepare Virginia for defense. He re-signed as a Brigadier-General in the state service to enter the regular Conederate army. He was promoted to be Brigadier-General after the battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded fol-lowing Pickett in his charge up Ceme-tery Hights. He served several terms in Congress. United States Senator Knox, who was

cident in France, has been back two weeks, and has been recuperating from his bruises at his farm at Valley Forge. He looks for a Taft majority in Pennsylvania of 400 000

Col. William H. Crook, Disbursing Officer of the White House, sustained a severe accident at his home last week. passing from one part of the house to another in the dark he mistook his surroundings and fell down a flight of steps, breaking two ribs and sustaining severe bruises. After treatment of a day or two by a physician he pluckily returned to the White House, and was able to pay off the Executive Office force. He will return to bed after this work is done. Col. Crook entered the pretty sharp, with its numerous home White House in the service of President thrusts, and seems to be aimed at the Lincoln, in 1864, and has been there American woman all the way thru. ever since.

Robert J. Wynne, United States Consul-General at London, is on the high seas on his way home to vote,

Official delivery of the aeroplane buflt by A. M. Herring, of New York, for the United States Army, was made at Fort Myer last week, in the presence of the Aeronautic Board of the Signal Corps, which will go to the fort for the pur-pose. The inventor, with one assistant, arrived in Washington, and personally superintended taking the apparatus to the fort. It is so small and so compact-ly built that it is contained in one trunk and two suitcases.

Mr. Herring's delivery of the aero-

Mr. Herring's delivery of the aero-plane is to be a technical one, and after the parts have been examined by the Aeronautic Board it is to be repacked for shipment to a secret experimental ground. The War Department has no ground. The War Depar vent has no objection to this procedur, on the part of Mr. Herring. The official flights are to take place at Fort Myer within a month, according to the contract, and an officer of the Signal Corps will be detailed to accompany Mr. Herring to his experimental ground to observe the work of the machine. work of the machine.

It is pretty hard to keep up with the Elkins-Abruzzi affairs, but The Na-tional Tribune is bound to do it if it takes a special issue. The very latest story, direct from the Royal Palace. eing reorganized.

Dr. Lazo Ariaga will take Mr. Ugarte's this young American beauty, who is worth just the whole diseased court of Italy—to get around the fact that she has no particular escutcheon upon which to emblazon a bar sinister which does not exist in the Elkins family-Geo. Whittaker, a Yellowstone Park guide, who had the President in charge when he visited the most wonderful "ennobled" before she lands in Italy! Glory be! Katharine Elkins "ennobled" be any old market. "ennobled" by any old world process!
Why, she's nobler, brighter, better,
handsomer than the whole bilin' of Kings and Kingesses in the whole of the eastern hemisphere, and we have several million just like her. It is unyoung womanhood has lost her heart to a dago, but he is said to be a particularly fine specimen of manhood, with a clean life back of him, and so that's a lifted different control of the specimen of manhood, with a clean life back of him, and so the saving medal from President Roose-well for saving the life of a boy. fortunate, if this splendid specimen of that's a little different. But if the young lady finds that they are going o make light of her sturdy old father and handsome mother after she gets over there, she'll make them wish they had never heard of Steve Elkins and his family. She will, indeed,

> It is now stated that the President will be connected with the Outlook magazine after he retires from office. The report is probably not true.

Mrs. Roosevelt has always been interested in play grounds for children, and has helped in every way possible to establish them in Washington. Her latest efforts in this direction were highly successful. Saturday the White House lawn was given over to the Ben Greet woodland for life. players, the proceeds from the sale of tickets, after giving the players one-half to go to the Washington Play Grounds Association. The plays given were "King Midas" and "Pandora's Box." They are simple little plays, adapted for outdoor rendition, and were presented in Greek costume by a capable company. Of course, everybody knows that Ben Greet and his players are about perfection. But surely—surely no outdoor play ever had a more beau-tiful setting. The scene of the play tiful setting. The scene of the play was midway between the White House and the big fountain, which is as large as a city lot and throws its myriad spouts of spray 50 feet in air. ow, gentle slopes lie between two natural hills of 20 feet hight. The platform or stage was erected on one of these hills. It was covered with green, and seemed to melt right into the green grass behind. On the gentle slope n the background of the stage were seautiful growing pines, palms and lowering shrubs, and wonderful chestnut, oak and maple trees in autumnal glory, and the action of the play inluded dancing and marches up and lown this slope and among these trees. It was all simply bewitching. Fully 3,000 people wandered in and around the grounds. Chairs were placed for all backward upon the second slope, and the selections. and the sylvan scene was almost medieval in its beauty. Beyond the stage slope were glimpses of the gray castlelike State Department, the south front of the White House was in full view, and the Washington Monument, sentinel guns guarded the grounds to the south. It was truly a dream picture. The affair was quite a society event. Most of the Diplomatic Corps were present and many of the Cabinet families, who occupied green-draped boxes right in the front. The gowns worn were elegant in the extreme. The hour for gathering was at 3:15 in the afternoon. The sun was bright and the air

soft and warm, fairly caressing in its balminess. The White House lawn was like a carpet of green velvet, and you can easily imagine what a brilliant spot the Marine Band made in its vivid scarlet uniforms as it played a varied program. The gowns of the women were so gorgeous that they looked like great flowers as they moved about chating with friends, many of them meeting there for the first time since parting in the Summer vacation trips. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a gossamer gown white striped with tiny threads of bis silk, a large black picture hat with long lace scarf vail. Miss Ethel Roose-velt wore a simple white coat suit of pure linen, the skirt not a bit "new" fashloned, because it had knife plaits

white mull was exquisitely embroid-ered. She wore a light brown felt hat of moderate brim, trimmed with a scarf of rainbow radium satin. Her friend from New York, Miss Alexander, wore a "jumper" dress of pink checked silk—black and pink—and a large white hat. Long-trained dresses were worn by many of the society women, and they ran from chiffon broadcloth thru all the silks and satins to the thinnest of laces and gauzes. The hats were a study in size and color. Some of them were so big that the chairs had to be set wider apart to accommodate the wearers and keep them from "striking colors." Then some of the hats were very small, and almost no crown at all. Green was the predominant color. Bright green satin, bright green feathers, and a few women actually wore bright green vails, and looked jaundiced and sickly.

This is the first time in the history of the White House that the lawn has ever been used for anything but a Marine Band concert. The whole effect was like that of some pastoral picture of olden times, and was tremendously pleasing to the eyes and the senses. President Roosevelt attended both performances of the players, and at the second performance was enthusiastically greeted as he came upon the plat-form and made a little address to the United States Senator Knox, who was abroad all Summer, and who got pretty badly bruised up in an automobile accident in France, has been back two weeks, and has been recuperating from his bruises at his farm at Valley Former. who so graciously supports the move-ment. It is said that over \$2,000 will be realized from the play for the Play Grounds Association. . . .

Every once in awhile President

Roosevelt gives somebody or something a boost without really meaning to do ington last week. A new play was on at the theater. It was being tried on Washington the first trip, to tell the truth. It was "The Meltine Patt the truth. It was "The Meltine Patt the truth." It was being tried on the truth. It was "The Meltine Patt the truth." It was being tried on the truth. truth. It was "The Melting Pot," by to President Lincoln, to say nothing Israel Zangwill. It is a very good play, about his proven incapacity as a Gen-Divorce is the burden of it. The President went to see the play. He is a regular "first nighter" when pressure of business permits. One line in the Your history should provoke discusplay, he immediately informed Mr. Zangwill, who was his guest at lunchcon the next day, was particularly ob-jectionable, and an indictment of the American woman which he did not like. The line which the President criticised was, "We are not native-born Americans; we hold our troth eternal." The President said that might apply to the 400 of New York, but it certainly did not apply to the great body of American women, whom he declared held the marriage tie to be a holy one. He asked Mr. Zangwill to change the words "native-born Americans" to read, "We are not of the 400," and Mr. Zangwill did so. Now the "400" are howling to beat the band, and the President

riage "with much more levity" people across the water do, and he was glad to revise his play to that extent, is suggested by the President.

Mr. Zangwill, since he changed the

lines in his play, has further elucidated his views of society in this country. "I have observed." he says, "that the so-called '400' are very loose in their ideas of what is proper, and standards abroad differ radically from those here. Rather than be libelous to the American public as a whole I withdraw the original lines. I am simply aiming to be just."

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Cross of Honor last week, at the home of Thomas H. Herndon, the President, 2928 14th St. northwest, two crosses of honor were awarded, the first to the King of Italy, because he is the head of the life-sav-ing service of his country, and because he has accepted an honorary member ship in the organization, and the other

The boy whose life Poell saved, Paul Ussary, was seen by Mr. Poell on the railroad track, near his Nebraska home, in front of the engine of which Mr Poell was fireman, and the latter rushed from the cab of the engine, out along the footboard, to the pilot of the loco motive, and threw the child from the track before it could be struck by the train. Mr. Poeil fell, and his leg was

cut off. The crosses of honor are of gold and enamel, and are in the form of a mal-President; John J. Delaney, Vice President; Harry A. George, Secretary; Richard Stockton, Treasurer, and John Schuyler Crosby, Andrew M. Taylor and Last Friday and Eugene Longstreet. Mr. Herndon was Ben Greet woodland

> Information was given out during th visit of Booker T. Washington to the State Department last week that the Government of Liberia has decided to confer upon the Tuskegee educator the Order of African Redemption, in consideration of his services to the Liberian Government. It was thru the efforts of Washing-

on and the Liberian Commiss that the President, Secretary of State and others became interested in the protection of the black Republic from the encroachments of European powers and in its industrial development. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister t Monravia, Liberia's Capital, says

the Liberian Government confers this order with care, and it is much prized. It is understood that Dr. Washington is the first citizen of America to be so honored by the Liberians.

Memorial Halls.

George C. Somers, 213 Currier Building, Los Angeles, Cal., says that the comrades in his city are making a move to have a Memorial Hall built, and the desire as much information as pos from members of the Order elsewhere who have built halls as to how they went about it, and what means they took to accomplish their purpose. Any information bearing upon the subject will be very welcome.

What Will They Do?

William Rittenburg, Co. L, 1st Mich L. A., Eastmanville, Mich., appeals to his comrades to consider what it is likey that the Bryan party will do should it be successful in the coming election Will it not be likely to modify or repea some of the liberal pension laws that are now in force, as they did under Cleveland, and thereby deprive many thousands of old veterans and their widows of support.

B. F. Young, First Sergeant, Co. E, 20th Ky., Madisonville, Ky., wishes to correct the dates as to his regiment. He says that he was mustered into the United States Army Nov. 7, 1861, and mustered out Jan. 17, 1865. The official record says that the 20th Ky. was organized in January, 1862.

Andersonville Keeper Dead. Comrade J. M. Bryant, Superintendent National Cemetery at Andersonville, Ga., writes that Comrade Turner, Co. E, 4th Mich. Cav., who had charge of the prison grounds for a number of years, died Sept. 18, 1908, and was buried in Pleasant Post Bellum Event

Editor National Tribune: I will fur-

ish you with a little article which I think will be read with interest by the boys who were interested with the history of the little unpleasantness from '61 to '65. On April 9, 1865, at the surrender of Lee, Adam Briney, a Corporal in Co. B, 119th Ohio, picked up a little blue-backed Testament, with the name and post-office address of John P. Best, Co. A, 51st Ga., in it. Briney, on Oct. 23, 1907, wrote to Mr. Best, and in a few days got an answer, in which Mr. Best said: "If it is agreeable to you, please send me the little book, and I will try and keep it 42 years longer, and by Christmas I will remember you." On Nov. 26, 1997, Briney forwarded the book in hope that it would reach its owner in time for him to read a little of it at his Thanksgiving dinner. On Dec. 10 Brinsy received a fine turkey gobbler from Mr. Best, which proved to be one of the finest bronze turkeys that he has ever had the privilege of helping to exterminate. It surprised all of Briney's friends to know there existed such fine turkeys in the State of Georgia after Sherman's army had passed thru the State. My regiment, the 116th Ohio, did not tread the soil of Georgia; it did operate between Gettys-burg, Pa., and Appomattox, Va., and I haven't heard if that route was ever restocked with turkeys or not. We did not see any there when we left,-L. D.

### Concerning "Little Mac."

Barnhart, Greenville, O.

Edifor National Tribune: Inclosed find \$1 for my renewal. For my sub-scription to The National Tribune I always get value in full. Your "Peninsular Campaign" makes me wonder how or why a statue was ever erected no other reason for his insolent letters to President Lincoln, to say nothing eral. He may have been eminently capable as an organizer of forces for military employment, but he never used Your history should provoke discussion. I would like to have some of his admirers defend him thru your paper. I never served in the East, so did not come under the magic spell.—Thos. H. Osborn, Captain, Co. K, 4th Ohio Cav. Cincinnati, O.

### To Prove Her Death.

Editor National Tribune: Comrade Barney Whitney, Co. F. 79th Pa., died near Pulaski, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1907. He was wounded in the head and taken prisoner at Bentonville, N. C., and confined in Libby Prison until Richmond fell. Comrade Whitney enlisted at Columbia, Pa. His first wife died there or near there. Evidence is needed showing her death to enable his widow, Mrs. Agnes Whitney, to obtain a pension. Comrade Whitney was pensioned at \$30 a month by a special act of Congress. Any comrade who knows the date of the death of the first Mrs. Whit-Mrs. Agnes Whitney, Pulaski, Iowa.

### What a Discriminating Law!

Editor National Tribune: I am the father of a daughter four and a haif years of age; was a member of Battery B, 1st R. I. L. A., attached to the Sec-ond Corps; served my three years with it in the civil war. My daughter's greatgrandfather served three years in a New Jersey regiment; her great-greatgrandfather served his country in 1776; her great-grandfather did the same in 1812; the last were on the paternal side, and if I should finally be mustered out her mother could not receive any pen-sion because she married me after June 27, 1899!—Edward M. Peckham, Concord Junction, Mass.

# Wants Simlin Seed.

Comrade Patrick H. McBride, Co. H. way back vonder in the days before the war they had a sort of potato locally called the simlin, which grew to 12 or 16 inches in length and a diameter of four to six inches, and was of a creamy color. They had also what they called the October bean. Now he fails to find any of either, and knows not where to procure seeds of them. appeals to comrades happy enough to sess them.

# Confederate Pensions.

D. L. Hearn, of Atlanta, is heading a movement to get pensions for ex-Con-federates. He is circulating a petition which has already received the signatures of 200 ex-Confederates at Atlanta. and which reads: "We, the undersigned tese cross. The Board of Governors is soldiers, beneficiaries of pension money composed of Thomas W. Herndon, paid by the State of Georgia, do hereby respectfully petition the United States Government to grant us a pension, and put us on an equality with the Union

# Very Important.

Mrs. W. B. Connell, New Cumberland, W. Va., writes that she knew Dr. N. K. McKenzie, whose wife, it is said. has applied for pension. She adds: "The Doctor always lived in Wellsville, O., and was with the 104th Ohio. I knew him all my life. He married a Miss Ganes, who died long ago. He did him a short time previous to his death."

O. M. Gray Post, La Rue, O., has adopted resolutions favoring the build-ing by contributions from G. A. R. Posts all over the country of a battleship to be named the Grand Army of the Republic. La Rue Post wants the matter agitated in the Order and taken

# An Illinois Comrade in California.

Editor National Tribune: I left my Wisconsin home in Horicon, March. 1907, on account of my health, moved to Denver, Colo., with a hale and hearty wife, and on the 4th of January buried her at the old home in Pana. She was stricken down by a cancer in the stomach. I have been here among friends since last April.—Samuel W. Bird, Compton, Cal.

# Officers of the Ind'p't Battalion, Mass.

The editor has received a letter from Comrade S. P. Ridley, Roslindale, Mass., stating that the Secretary of the Association is J. H. Walker, Hingham, Mass.

### Gabriel Armstrong. Miss Mabel Drew, Guelph, Ont., Can-

ada, desires information or address of Gabriel Armstrong, a G. A. R. man, who, some years ago, was at Coaltown, Butler County, Pa.

### Good News for the Deaf. A celebrated New York aurist has

been selected to demonstrate to deaf people that deafness is a disease and can be cured rapidly and easily in your own home.

He proposes to prove this fact by sending to any person having trouble with their ears a trial treatment of this new method absolutely free. We advise all people who have trouble with their ears to immediately address Dr. Edward Gardner, Suite 312, No. 49 West. Thirty-third street, New York City, and we wish to assure them that they will receive by return mail, absolutely free